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EVALUATION OF POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government evaluate and monitors the power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the evaluation of various projects completed during the last two years, till date;

(c) the outcomes thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the efforts made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE)

(a) to (e) : Yes, Sir. An effective monitoring mechanism has been put in place to see that the cleared power projects are executed in time. The CEA has a nodal officer to each project, both at the conception stage as well as during the execution. In addition, regular review meetings are being organized in the Ministry of Power.

New benchmarks for setting up of power projects have been achieved as under:

(i) Coal based: The average lead time for the 500 MW unit reduced from 49 months to 38 months. The average lead time for the 210/250 MW units reduced from 32 months to 28 months. Ramagundam STPS-III of NTPC commissioned in 37 months. The Raichur TPS unit of Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd. commissioned in 26 months.

(ii) Gas based: Average lead time for gas based projects has come from 24 months to 20 months. Ramgarh CCPP open cycle commissioned in 15 months.

(iii) Hydro based: Average lead time of new hydro project is likely to be 60 months. Chamera II (3x100 MW) of NHPC commissioned in 49 months.